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**Federal Railroad
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Memorandum

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Subject: Auxiliary Lights Interfering With Safety Appliances

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To: Regional Administrators, Deputy Regional Administrators,
Motive Power & Equipment Specialists and Inspectors

It has recently been brought to our attention that some railroads have had the auxiliary lights (ditch lights) installed in a manner which covers a portion of the uncoupling levers, which serve as the end handhold on a locomotive.

Locomotives found in non-compliance should be handled for correction.

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